

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Boating Safety Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Homeland Security

2. Fiscal Year

2019

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Boating Safety Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

194

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

07/12/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

07/12/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

46 U.S.C. 13110(a) & (c), & 46 U.S.C. 4302 (c)(4)

13. Effective Date

11/26/1971

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0 Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00

18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Council accomplishes its purpose well in advising the Coast Guard on a variety of boating safety issues, both those that would require regulatory or legislative action and those that would require other action by the US Coast Guard. In FY 2018, the Council focused on several major issues:1. Finalizing and beginning implementation of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program's 2017-2021 Strategic Plan.2. Continuing to develop a recommendation to the USCG for licensing requirements for on-the-water boating safety instructors.3. Reviewing boating safety regulations in accordance with the administration's regulatory reform initiativeIn general discussion at the Council meetings, representatives of major national boating organizations apprised the Council of the programs, issues and present and planned actions of their respective organizations, which resulted in a valuable exchange of information and views. Three standing NBSAC Subcommittees, i.e., Boats and Associated Equipment, Strategic Planning, and Prevention through People, considered a myriad of issues in-depth.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The present Council membership is well balanced in accordance with the intent of Congress with 21 members divided into three boating interest segments. During FY 2018 the manufacturing segment included representatives from manufacturers of a variety of types of recreational boats/vessels and associated equipment. The State boating safety officials segment was composed of representatives of a cross section of the States that have coastal and inland boating activity, as well as being geographically diverse (northeast, southeast, midwest, southwest and west coast) The public sector was composed of prominent members of five national boating organizations and two members of the public. The different areas of expertise on the Council give the agency very balanced views on related programs. Additionally, to ensure that the recommendations of the Council take into account the needs of diverse groups, membership appointments consider, to the extent practicable, geography, minorities, gender, and persons with disabilities.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

During FY 2018, the full Council met in the fall of 2017 and spring of 2018. Three NBSAC subcommittees each met two times during fiscal year 2018, in conjunction with the full Council meetings. Additionally the Regulatory Reform subcommittee met virtually and in-person. Subcommittees focus on specific boating safety issues. Meetings are very relevant to following through on actions recommended and addressing new and emerging

recreational boating problems and developments.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

NBSAC provides broad-based input to the Coast Guard regarding regulations and other major boating safety matters in accordance with its statutory mandate. This balance helps to ensure that regulations, if that solution is utilized, are well founded, and also that safety issues/concerns of the diverse boating interests are brought to the Coast Guard's attention. Advice given by this Council is not available from within the Department because it does not employ (1) State boating safety officials; (2) boat or associated equipment manufacturers; or (3) representatives of national boating organizations. The members serving on this Council are experienced and knowledgeable representatives of their respective fields. The desired impact and credibility is not available through other committees or agencies, and could not be achieved through public hearings. The use of consultants would prove to be quite expensive compared to what is now being expended for the large amount of professional time involved in Council projects. In addition, there is no equivalent means available to fund and organize consumer representation in rulemaking in the systematic way that is presently achieved through the public members of the Council.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

Committee is continued until September 30, 2020 in the Coast Guard Authorization Bill of 2010.

Designated Federal Officer

Verne Gifford Chief, Boating Safety Division, Office of Auxiliary & Boating Safety

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Adey, John	04/04/2018	12/31/2019	American Boat & Yacht Council	Representative Member
Brown, Mark	04/04/2018	12/31/2020	Boating Law Administrator - Oklahoma	Representative Member
Burdick, Wayne	04/04/2018	12/31/2019	Consultant	Representative Member
Chisholm, Peter	04/25/2013	12/31/2018	Mercury Marine	Representative Member
Dahms, Dave	04/04/2018	12/31/2019	Boating Law Administrator - Idaho	Representative Member
Dunleavy, Tim	04/04/2018	12/31/2019	Boating Law Administrator - New Hampshire	Representative Member
Emmons, James	04/04/2018	12/31/2020	WSF Grants Manager	Representative Member
Jepsen, Richard	02/15/2016	12/31/2020	US Sailing	Representative Member
Johnson, Jeffrey	08/17/2011	12/31/2018	Boating Law Administrator - Alaska	Representative Member
Johnson, John	04/04/2018	12/31/2019	National Association of State Boating Law Administrators	Representative Member
Jones, Cody	04/04/2018	12/31/2020	Boating Law Administrator - Texas	Representative Member

Kenton Smith, Wanda	04/04/2018 12/31/2020 Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Klein, Gary	04/04/2018 12/31/2020 Boating Law Administrator - Florida	Representative Member
Marshburn, Ernest	04/25/2013 12/31/2018 Past President, U.S. Power Squadrons	Representative Member
Pope, Robin	04/04/2018 12/31/2018 American Canoe Association	Representative Member
Rowe, Bruce	04/25/2013 12/31/2018 Director of Marine Services, Forever Resorts	Representative Member
Slikkers, David	04/04/2018 12/31/2020 S2 Yachts	Representative Member
Vasilaros, Nicole	04/04/2018 12/31/2019 National Marine Manufacturers Association	Representative Member
Velasquez, Toby	03/18/2015 12/31/2018 Boating Law Administrator - New Mexico	Representative Member
Williams, Tim	04/04/2018 12/31/2019 EdgeWater Boats	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 20

Narrative Description

The Coast Guard's mission is to minimize the loss of life, personal injury, property damage, and environmental impact associated with the use of recreational boats, through preventive means, in order to maximize safe use and enjoyment of U.S. waterways by the public. The Council supports the US Coast Guard's mission and the national recreational boating safety strategic plan by advising the Coast Guard on a variety of boating safety issues. Some of those issues require regulatory or legislative action and some only require administrative action by the US Coast Guard.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$500,001 - \$1,000,000
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

The Committee provides invaluable expertise to the US Coast Guard by allowing the Office of Auxiliary & Boating Safety to use this resource for guidance as opposed to paying for consultants and other subject matter experts.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

127

Number of Recommendations Comments

Resolutions are the format through which NBSAC provides advice to the Coast Guard. NBSAC has passed 127 resolutions since April of 1996. The Coast Guard maintains a listing of NBSAC resolutions adopted at each meeting. At each meeting, the US Coast Guard reports to NBSAC on the status of each resolution. NBSAC members have an opportunity at each meeting to discuss or request additional details on the status from the US Coast Guard. On occasion, new resolutions are made or existing resolutions are revised, based on these discussions.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

39%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The fully implemented recommendations have greatly assisted in reducing recreational boating casualties.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

60%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

CG-BSX-2 gives full and extensive consideration to all Council resolutions and recommendations. For various reasons all recommendations may not be acted upon.

Some are very time consuming, taking years to complete, others are not possible to complete in full due to regulatory or legislative requirements over which CG-BSX has no control.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

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What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

N/A